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Applicants: M. INOUE, et al
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 10, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please add new claims 21-28 as follows:

C1 *Amnt* *D1* 21. A point management system comprising:
a point system management apparatus for registering information of a store which participates in a point system, and for providing the store with a register store number and an encryption key, both of which are peculiar to the store;

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